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SUBJECT: UK LONG RANGE CIVIL AVIATION NAVIGATION EQUIP-
MENT TO USSR - IL 1485

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1. WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UK
EMBASSY ON SUBJECT CASE WITH VIEW TO PERMITTING MORE
ACCURATE EVALUATION OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT. A VISIT BY A
COMPANY TECHNICIAN FROM LONDON WAS ALSO CONSIDERED.
HOWEVER, DEFENSE HAS NOW TAKEN POSITION THAT PRESENT
POLICY PROHIBITING INS FOR SOVIET AIRCRAFT PRECLUDES
APPROVAL OF THE CASE. THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, IS UNDER
REVIEW WITH GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF AGENCIES CONCERNED
THAT SOME LIBERALIZATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO PERMIT SOVIETS
CONFORM TO REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.
POLICY DECISION EXPECTED TO TAKE UP TO THREE MONTHS.
MEANWHILE, WE WILL CONTINUE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS SO THAT,
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AT PROPER TIME, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF UK

EQUIPMENT QUALIFIES FOR MORE RELAXED TREATMENT.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED UK EMBASSY OF FOREGOING. EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVE HAD NO COMMENT AND AGREED INFORM LONDON. KISSINGER

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